

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
ODRICH, et al.

Confirmation Number: 7403

Application No.: 10/825,047

Group Art Unit: 1618

Filed: April 15, 2004

Examiner: Nissa M. Westerberg

Title: DRUG DELIVERY VIA OCULAR IMPLANT

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy extended to Applicant's representatives, including Julian D. Forman and the undersigned below, during an in-person interview on April 5, 2011. In response to the Interview Summary that was mailed on April 7, 2011, Applicant provides this Statement of the Substance of the Interview.

Applicant agrees with the statements made in the Interview Summary. Applicant's representatives gave a brief overview of various types of ocular implants, including punctal plugs. Applicant's representatives noted that independent claims 11 and 30 were amended in the Amendment that was filed on October 28, 2010 to recite "punctal plug" instead of "ocular implant." Applicant's representatives discussed the Ness, Freeman, and Cohan references, as well as the differences between Applicant's claims and the Ness, Freeman, and Cohan references. Applicant's representatives also discussed "impregnation" of a punctal plug with drug versus "saturation" of a punctal plug with drug.

Applicant believes that this Statement is fully responsive to the requirement in the Interview Summary.

Respectfully submitted,

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